

## House Resolution No. 4421

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize a historic, two-day State of Black America Forum, which will be part of the Missouri Black Expo Weekend, to be held August 18 and 19, 2007, at American's Center in St. Louis, Missouri, and will be presented by the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, the State of Black America Forum panelists will take a critical look at the issues and equality gaps impacting the lives of African-Americans in the United States; and

**Whereas**, the State of Black America Forum panelists will include national policy makers in the areas of politics, health, economy, religion, and race, including educator, author, and scholar Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver II, Missouri State Senator Rita Heard-Days, National Medical Association President-Elect Dr. Nelson Adams, acclaimed economist John Hope Bryant, Missouri State Representative John Bowman, Missouri State Representative Juanita Head-Walton, and Westside Missionary Baptist Church Senior Pastor Dr. Ronald Bobo; and

**Whereas**, Gwen Packnet, Director of Multi Cultural Relations for the University of Missouri-St. Louis hopes the panel will provide insight and a fresh perspective on topics impacting the black community:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our best wishes for a successful State of Black America Forum; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the State of Black America Forum.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative John L. Bowman, Sr.  
District No. 70

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4421, adopted August 13, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker